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1. The first of these is the fact that the majority of the population of the United States is now living in urban areas. This is a result of the process of urbanization, which has been going on since the beginning of the 20th century. The population of the United States has increased from about 100 million in 1900 to over 200 million in 1950. At the same time, the population of rural areas has decreased from about 100 million in 1900 to about 50 million in 1950. This has led to a concentration of the population in urban areas, which has had a profound effect on the economy and society.

Preliminary to the examination or publication of the above-referenced application, Applicants request that the following amendments be made:

Page 1, before the title “Background of the Invention” insert the following paragraph:

REMARKS

This amendment is to add a reference to the PCT application of which this application is a continuation-in-part.

Respectfully submitted,

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